

IN THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims

Please replace all prior claims with the following listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A decorative system for a microwave oven comprising:

a decorative ceramic element, said decorative ceramic element is attached to an one of either a front exterior surface or a top exterior surface of said microwave oven;
and

whereby said decorative ceramic element is in the form to provide the microwave oven with a look which matches a decor of a kitchen in which the microwave oven is located, make the appliance easier to clean, and improve the electrical and thermal insulation of the microwave oven relative to conventional microwave ovens, wherein said decorative ceramic element has a decorative pattern therein, and said decorative ceramic element includes one or more variably sized and shaped decorative ceramic strips to be affixed on to different locations of said at least one exterior surface— surface of said microwave oven.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Amended) The decorative system of claim 1, wherein said decorative element is attached to said exterior surface of said microwave oven by bonding means.

4. (Original) The decorative system of claim 1, wherein said bonding means is a doubled sided adhesive sticky tape.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The decorative system of claim 4, wherein said ceramic element is a ceramic strip.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The decorative system of claim 1, further comprising a pair of protective members which wrap along edges of the at least decorative element to protect the decorative element.

10. (Currently Amended) A decorative ceramic system for a microwave oven comprising:

a plurality of decorative ceramic elements for decorating one of either a front or a top exterior surface;

bonding means, said plurality of decorative ceramic elements are bonded to said at least on exterior surfaces surface on said microwave oven via said bonding means; and

whereby said plurality of decorative ceramic elements is in the form to provide the microwave oven with a look which matches a decor of a kitchen in which the microwave oven is located, make the microwave oven easier to clean, and improve the electrical and thermal insulation of the microwave oven relative to conventional microwave ovens.

11. (Original) The decorative ceramic system of claim 10, wherein at least one of said plurality of ceramic elements has a decorative pattern located thereon.

12. (Original) The decorative ceramic system of claim 10, wherein said plurality of decorative ceramic elements are decorative ceramic strips.

13. (Original) The decorative system of claim 10, wherein said bonding means comprises double sided adhesive tape.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a decor to a microwave oven which matches the decor of a kitchen in which the microwave oven is located, comprising the steps of:

selecting at least one decorative ceramic element to be affixed onto ~~a chosen~~ at least one of either a front exterior surface or a top exterior surface of the microwave oven;

applying bonding means to said at least one decorative ceramic element and/or to said at least one ~~chosen~~ exterior surface of said microwave oven;

affixing said decorative ceramic element to said at least one ~~chosen~~ exterior surface of said microwave oven via said bonding means; and

repeating the above steps, if desired, with another decorative ceramic element.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said bonding means comprises double sided adhesive sticky tape.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said ceramic element is a ceramic strip.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein said decorative ceramic element has a decorative pattern located thereon.

20. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising adding a plurality of variably sized and shaped decorative ceramic elements to be affixed onto different areas of said exterior surface of said microwave oven.

Please add the following claims:

21 (new) The decorative system of claim 1 wherein said at least one is said front exterior surface of said microwave oven.

22. (new) The decorative surface according to claim 21 wherein said decorative element is configured to be affixed over an entire keypad of said microwave oven and said strip has openings within said strip to allow a user to access said keypad of said microwave oven.

23. (new) The decorative system of claim 1 wherein said at least one is said top exterior surface of said microwave oven.

24 (new) The decorative system of claim 10 wherein said at least one is said front exterior surface of said microwave oven.

25. (new) The decorative surface of claim 24 wherein said decorative element is configured to be affixed over an entire keypad of said microwave oven and said strip has openings within said strip to allow a user to access said keypad of said microwave oven.

26. (new) The decorative system of claim 10 wherein said at least one is said top exterior surface of said microwave oven.

27 (new) The method of claim 14 wherein said at least one is said front exterior surface of said microwave oven.

28. (new) The method of claim 27 wherein said decorative element is configured to be affixed over an entire keypad of said microwave oven and said strip has openings within said strip to allow a user to access said keypad of said microwave oven.

28. (new) The method of claim 14 wherein said at least one is said top exterior surface of said microwave oven.